

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Claims 1-30 are pending. Claims 1, 3-7, 12-16, 18-22, and 27-30 have been amended. Claims 2, 8, 17, and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice. No claims have been added.

Therefore, claims 1, 3-7, 9-16, 18-22, and 24-30 are now presented for examination.

Claim Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicant regards as the invention.

In response to the claim rejection of the claims, amendments to the claims have been made herein. While reserving any argument against the rejection and any rights to pursue the claims in another application, it is submitted that the claims, as amended, particularly and distinctly claim the requisite subject matter. Claims 1, 3-7, 12-16, 18-22, and 27-30 have been amended and claims 2, 8, 17, and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the Examiner's careful search and the finding of allowable subject matter in claims 1-30, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowed if the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, is overcome.

It is hereby submitted that the claims now presented, as amended herein, overcome the rejection. Applicant therefore respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (503) 439-8778 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

The Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.


Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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